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THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA



The sentences are in the wrong order. Numbers 1 and 2 have been filled in. Fill in the numbers 3-10.

Introduction:

There once was a prince who wanted to marry a real princess. He rode far and wide looking for a princess. He met many fine girls, but not one princess. His parents wondered whether he was too fussy. One day, the prince said: "I will ride out one last time. If I don't find a princess this time, I will not marry **ever**. And off he rode.

- 1 One dark and stormy night, when the king and queen were having their tea, there was a knock at the door of the castle.
- _____ The girl climbed up into the bed and tried to fall asleep.
- 2 The queen opened the door and saw a girl who was soaked to the skin.
- _____ When the girl said that she was tired, the queen decided to test her. She took twenty mattresses and made a bed for the girl.
- _____ Then the queen knew that the girl really was a princess. "Only real princesses have such tender skin," she said. "Stay with us for a few days, I want you to meet my son."
- _____ The girl explained that she was a princess from another country, and that her carriage had broken down.
- _____ The queen took the girl in and gave her dry clothes and a warm meal.
- _____ When the girl was not looking, the queen placed a pea under the mattresses.
- _____ The next morning at breakfast, the girl said that she had been unable to sleep because of a hard lump in the bed.
- _____ Three days later, the prince returned home.....



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The end of the story?

Of course, this is a fairy tale, so the prince and princess fall in love and live happily ever after. But, does it *have* to have a happy ending?

! What would happen if the Princess took a look at the Prince and thought: “He’s not my type. I want to get out of here!”?

! What would happen if the Prince arrived back with a princess that **he** had found on his last trip?

Write your own ending to Hans Christian Andersen’s famous story. The ending can be funny, sad or happy.

Name _____ Date _____

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Answers

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